

REMARKS

Comments of the applicant are preceded by related comments of the examiner in small bold-faced type.

Applicant has amended all independent claims to clarify that the second portion includes temporal data. Examiner holds that US 5898836 issued to Freivald discloses the claimed ignoring of temporal data. Freivald col 7, lines 50-55 explicitly discloses a user may select which portions of a document are to be monitored for change detection, particularly the "user may chose to ignore irrelevant changes, such as data changes or access counters which are frequently changed". Furthermore regarding applicant's assertion that "During Freivald's comparison process the entire new signature, i.e. web page is compared with the entire web page is compared with the entire most recent signature. The entire new signature is then compared with the recorded older versions of the signature. Freivald does not disclose dividing a signature into separate portions". Examiner disagrees, Freivald, col 9, line 40-col 10, line 65, essentially discloses dividing a web page into sections, and using an enable bit to specify whether a section of the webpage is to be ignored during the comparison process. Examiner therefore holds that the disclosure of Ho in view of Freivald renders the claimed invention unpatentable.

Even if there were a suggestion to combine the systems of Ho and Freivald, which the applicant does not concede, that combination would not produce a system that includes (in the words of claim 1) "comparing the unmodified data with the current data to determine if data fields of the unmodified data differ from corresponding data fields of the current data, and with respect to at least some of the data fields of the current data that are determined to be different from corresponding data fields of the unmodified data, identifying at least some of these data fields of the current data as having temporally changing data."

Freivald discloses a change detection tool that gives notices of the degree and location of changes of web page documents. In Freivald, a user can select portions of a document for which he wishes to receive notices when changes are made. Temporally changing data, such as dates and access counters, may appear in either the user-selected portions or the portions not selected

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by the user. With respect to the portions selected by Freivald's user, his system makes comparisons and issues notices when changes to data (including temporally changing data) have occurred, thus bothering the user with changes notices that he may not want to get. With respect to the portions not selected by Freivald's user, his system makes no comparison at all, let alone filtering out notices with respect to such a comparison. In either case, Freivald neither discloses nor suggests a system that includes (in the words of claim 1) "with respect to at least some of the data fields of the current data that are determined to be different from corresponding data fields of the unmodified data, identifying at least some of these data fields of the current data as having temporally changing data."

The dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons given with respect to the independent claims from which they depend.


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